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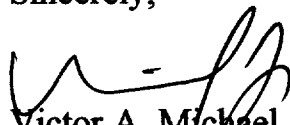
March 1, 1999

Magalie Roman Salas, Esquire  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
Room 222  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Ms. Salas,

Enclosed is an original and four copies of a Petition for Rule Making to amend the FM table of allotments for a new FM broadcast station for Taft, California.

Sincerely,



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In the matter of: )

Amendment of Section 73.202 (b) )

Table of Allotments )

FM Broadcast Stations )

(Taft, California) )

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### PETITION FOR RULE MAKING

In this petition, Mountain West Broadcasting is hereby requesting to allot channel 293A (106.5 Mhz) to Taft, California as its second FM allotment.

#### INTRODUCTION

1. This statement is a petition for rule making to allot FM channel 293A (106.5 Mhz) to Taft, California and add it to the Commission's FM table of allotments, 73.202. The following will show the need for an FM channel and the effects the allotment of Channel 293A to Taft will have.

#### DISCUSSION

2. Taft is located in Southern California. It is also located within Kern County, a county of some 543,477 persons. Taft has a population of 5,902 persons in accordance with the U.S. 1990 census.

3. The allotment of channel 293A to Taft will provide the second local FM broadcast facility to the community and/or the surrounding area. The closest other FM allotment to Taft is located at Ford City, California . Ford City is located 17 kilometers from Taft. KMYX(AM) and KMYX(FM) are both licensed to Taft, California. KMYX(AM) operates on 1310 KHz with 1000 watts daytime and 45 watts during the nighttime hours. KMYX(FM) operates on channel 280A (103.9 MHz) with 6,000 watts ERP at 328 feet, HAAT. The allotment of channel 293A would provide Taft with its second local FM station.

4. Taft would greatly benefit from an FM allotment due to the fact there is no other AM or FM broadcast facilities, except KMYX AM & KMYX FM, within 17 Kilometers of Taft. Health and safety for the community would be increased due to having an additional local communications outlet for warning the Taft area of emergency conditions caused by severe weather or other health hazards. The allotment of channel 293A will provide the second FM service to the Taft area.

5. Channel 293A can be allotted to Taft and meet all rules and requirements of the Commission. The instant proposal will not cause a change in the channel number or a deletion of any channel now appearing in the Commission's table of allotments 73.202.

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
Taft, California	280A	280A, 293A

6. In accordance with 73.207 of the Commission's rules, "Minimum Distance Separations between Stations", all allotments on Channel 293A and the pertinent adjacent channels to 293A have been studied with the results listed in Figure 1 of this petition. The geographic coordinates used for the spacing study ( N 35 - 08' - 18", W. 119 - 27' - 30") are that of a site located within the community of Taft. No site restriction will be required to allot channel 293A to Taft. Many suitable transmitter sites are available to provide city grade coverage (3.16 mv/m or 70 dbu) to the entire community of Taft. These sites would also provide full minimum spacing requirements to other allotments.

#### CONCLUSION

7. It has been shown that Taft would benefit from the allotment of channel 293A. It has also been shown that channel 293A can be allotted to Taft and meet all rules regarding spacing from other stations. Considering these two facts, Mountain West Broadcasting hereby requests that the Federal Communications Commission institute a Rule Making proceeding to amend the Table of Allotments to add channel 293A for Taft, California , 73.202.

8. Should channel 293A be allotted to Taft, I certify that I will file an application for a Construction Permit to operate an FM station for Taft, California.

## **CERTIFICATION**

9. I certify that I have prepared or directly supervised the preparation of this entire Petition for Rule Making, and that the facts contained within are true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief, accurate and true.

Dated: March 1, 1999

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Victor A. Michael Jr.", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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MAPFM search of channel 293A6 (106.5 MHz), at N. 35 8 18, W. 119 27 30.

Searching Channel 293A6 (106.5 MHz):

CALL	CITY	ST	CHN	CL	S	DIST	SEPN	BRNG	CLEARANCE
KOCP	Camarillo	CA	240	B1	L	88.3	12.0	172.8°	76.3
NEW-T	Greenacres	CA	240	D	A	38.1	0.0	65.4°	38.1
ALC	Santa Ynez	CA	290	A	U	81.4	31.0	224.3°	50.4
KRAZ	Santa Ynez	CA	290	A	C	84.8	31.0	217.8°	53.8
KRAZ	Santa Ynez	CA	290	A	A	82.8	31.0	215.6°	51.8
ALC	Greenacres	CA	291	B1	U	76.0	48.0	59.7°	28.0
ALC	Santa Margarita	CA	291	B1	U	111.7	48.0	282.7°	63.7
KRAB	Greenacres	CA	291	B1	L	70.7	48.0	69.7°	22.7
KRAB	Greenacres	CA	291	B1	C	53.9	48.0	46.6°	5.9
KWEZ	Santa Margarita	CA	291	B1	L	111.7	48.0	282.7°	63.7
ALC	Goleta	CA	292	A	U	77.3	72.0	195.0°	5.3
ALC	Kingsburg	CA	292	B1	U	132.2	96.0	353.6°	36.2
ALC	Lancaster	CA	292	A	U	129.4	72.0	109.7°	57.4
KGMX	Lancaster	CA	292	A	L	129.4	72.0	109.7°	57.4
KKSB	Goleta	CA	292	A	L	77.2	72.0	195.0°	5.2
KLVK	Kingsburg	CA	292	A	L	146.0	72.0	354.3°	74.0
KLVK	Kingsburg	CA	292	B1	C	146.0	96.0	354.3°	50.0
K293AG	Taft	CA	293	D	L	41.5	0.0	145.8°	41.5
ALC	Lompoc	CA	294	B1	U	117.8	96.0	237.5°	21.8
ALC	Tulare	CA	294	B	U	139.1	113.0	23.8°	26.1
ALC	Pasadena	CA	294	B	U	151.7	113.0	133.5°	38.7
KAKV	Lompoc	CA	294	B1	C	100.4	96.0	244.0°	4.4
KAKV	Lompoc	CA	294	B1	L	111.3	96.0	237.8°	15.3
KJUGFM	Tulare	CA	294	B	L	139.1	113.0	23.8°	26.1
KROQFM	Pasadena	CA	294	B	L	151.7	113.0	133.5°	38.7
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KROQFM	Pasadena	CA	294	B	C	151.7	113.0	133.5°	38.7
K295AH	Goleta	CA	295	D	L	79.0	0.0	206.9°	79.0
ALC	Ventura	CA	296	A	U	95.0	31.0	167.2°	64.0
ALC	Bakersfield	CA	296	A	U	47.6	31.0	56.5°	16.6
KCWR	Bakersfield	CA	296	A	L	48.6	31.0	58.3°	17.6
KVYY	Ventura	CA	296	A	L	95.0	31.0	167.2°	64.0

FIGURE 1  
TAFT, CALIFORNIA  
MOUNTAIN WEST BROADCASTING